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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND
NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)
IDENTIFYING A PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATION
FROM WHICH CLAIMS HAVE BEEN COPIED

Sir:

I. Notification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b), applicants are presenting claims known to define the same patentable invention claimed in a pending application of another, and applicants hereby identify the published application from which the claims have been copied.

<u>Applicants'</u> <u>Claim No.</u>	<u>Publication No. of</u> <u>Published Application</u>	<u>Published</u> <u>Claim No.</u>
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II. Second Supplemental Amendment

Please add new claims 144-147 as follows:

144. (New) An anastomotic connector comprising:
a plurality of clip segments; and
a plurality of twistable resilient segments that
interconnect the clip segments.

145. (New) A connector according to claim 144,
wherein said segments are bendable out of a plane defined by
said clip segments.

146. (New) A connector according to claim 144,
wherein a resilience of said attachment segments is defined to
control a diameter changing behavior of said connector.

147. (New) A connector according to claim 144,
wherein said clip segments do penetrate target tissue when the
clip closes, but do not transfix said tissue.

III. Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to add new claims
144-147. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims
144-147 are fully supported by the original specification and
drawings and add no new matter.